

# nebraskan sports

## K-State snubbed; UNL hopes sink

A serious blow was dealt to UNL's basketball team's hopes for a possible bid to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) Sunday in the form of an NCAA snub of Kansas State University, KSU, the Big 8 Conference's second-place team.

DePaul University, 19-8, was chosen over K-State's Wildcats, 20-7, to fill the remaining at-large berth for the NCAA postseason tournament.

The Huskers had hoped the Wildcats would be invited to the NCAA tournament, clearing the way for the third-place Huskers to represent the Big 8 in the NIT.

"It doesn't look good for us," said Lonnie Porter, assistant UNL coach. "Kansas State probably will be in line ahead of us (for an NIT bid)."

Half of the NIT's 12-team field was announced Sunday. The remaining six schools will be announced at 12:30 p.m. today. Providence, Louisville, Kentucky, Niagara, Oregon and North Carolina A and T accepted NIT bids Sunday.

Speculation last week centered on DePaul, KSU and Utah of the Western Athletic Conference as the teams still in consideration for the NCAA at-large bid.

It was thought that weekend wins by KSU and the University of Utah would result in an NCAA invitation to one of the schools. DePaul, with its season completed, was speculated to have a chance only if both KSU and Utah lost.

Utah lost to the University of Wyoming, 64-61, Friday and KSU defeated Oklahoma State University 82-78 in overtime Saturday. However, the NCAA still picked DePaul.

The Huskers' 82-66 win over Iowa State University Saturday boosted their mark to 19-8, the third-best in UNL history.

The Huskers have competed in postseason tournaments only twice. In 1949 the 16-10 Huskers lost to Oklahoma State in NCAA playoff action. The Huskers appeared in the NIT in 1967 with a 16-8 record, where they lost to Marshall, 119-88 in the opening round.

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The Husker women's basketball team edged Northwest Missouri State University in overtime Saturday, 61-60, to finish third in the regional tournament at Fargo, N.D. The top two teams qualified for the national meet. In earlier games, the Huskers beat St. Cloud State College of Minnesota, 74-59, Thursday before falling to No. 1 seeded William Penn College of Iowa, 50-44, in Friday's semi-finals.

In the Saturday win, Nebraska used a full-court press to vault to a 39-26 halftime lead. The Huskers were hurt in the second half when freshman Jan Crouch and sophomore Sherry Brink fouled out. Freshman Darcy Williamson netted 18 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Kathy Hawkins had 16 points, seven rebounds and 10 steals.

Against St. Cloud State, the Huskers were paced by Brink's 24 points. They again used a full-court press to overcome a 28-27 halftime deficit.

Nebraska shot only 11 per cent from the field in the first half against William Penn to trail, 27-11, at halftime. The closest the Huskers could come in the second half was three points. Brink and Hawkins each had 12 points in the loss.

The team, now 21-8, closes its season at the National Women's Invitational Tournament in Amarillo, Tex., March 18 through 20.

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Junior Pat DiBiase won the 100-yard breaststroke for the leading Husker performance at the Big 8 Conference swimming championships Wednesday through Saturday at Ames, Iowa. His time was 59.3 seconds. Defending champion Bryan Moss, a sophomore, won the consolation finals in 59.4 seconds to finish seventh.

In the 200-yard breaststroke, DiBiase had the fastest preliminary time but was disqualified for an alleged illegal kick. Moss took fourth in the event.

Freshman Mark Crowder swam the 100-yard butterfly in a school record 52.2 seconds to place third. He also set the school record of 21.66 seconds in the 50-yard butterfly, finishing seventh.

Senior Dave Watermeier took seventh in the one-meter diving, while sophomore Pat Murphy placed eighth in the 1,650-yard freestyle. The Husker 400-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relays each finished sixth.

In team standings, Nebraska finished seventh. Host Iowa State University won, followed by the University of Oklahoma and defending champion University of Kansas.

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Freshman Peggy Liddick won four events to spark UNL to a 60-31 track win over the University of Nebraska at Omaha Saturday in Omaha. She took the long jump (17 ft. 2 in.), 60-yard hurdles (8.7 seconds), 60-yard dash (7.5 seconds) and 176-yard dash (22.4 seconds).

Sophomore Cindy Dixon won the mile in a school record 5:30.9 and the 880-yard run in 2:32.6. She teamed with sophomores Doris Hitz and Susie McConkey and freshman Marie Pandorf to set a school record of 4:26 in the mile relay.

Freshman Debbie Raddatz paced a Husker sweep in the shot put with a school record 40 ft. 8½ in. Freshmen Pam Koontz and Char Beck followed second and third.



Photo by Steve Boerner

Harry Umemoto, seventh degree black belt in kendo, closed out the Physical Education Dept.'s masters week with demonstrations Friday and Saturday. In kendo, competitors try to strike each other with bamboo poles.

In the high jump, senior Gloria Jarosz won with a school record 5 ft. Freshman Marsanne Jablonski also jumped 5 ft. to place third.

Freshmen Pam Baker, Cindy Krause and Lorrie Kaslon took second in the long jump, 880-yard run and 176-yard dash, respectively. McConkey placed third in the 440-yard dash.

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Weigh-ins are between 3 and 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Coliseum basement for the intramural weightlifting meet. The meet begins at 6:30 p.m. each day with the 114-, 123-, 132-, 148- and 165-lb. classes competing Tuesday and the 181-, 198-, 220- and 242-lb. and superheavyweight classes competing Wednesday. Weights and lifting belts will be furnished. T-shirts will be awarded to the top two in each class, and a trophy to the best lifter. For more information, contact Gale Wiedow, 472-3467.

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UNL's golf team left Lincoln Friday for San Antonio, Tex., where the Huskers will compete in their season opening tournament.

They will compete in the Menger Hotel Intercollegiate Golf Classic at the Pecan Valley Golf Course Tuesday through Friday. Golfers will play 72 holes in the four-day tournament.

Juniors Craig Meyer and Todd Thorson, sophomore Doug Smith and freshmen Dave Donachie, Tony Pesavento and Steve Statton made the trip for UNL.

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